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Hands-on instruction and guidance is provided in this book designed to assist college teachers in handling the new array of difficulties found in today's classrooms. Illustrations are given of how to evaluate and resolve common problems. Chapter 1 emphasizes the chaotic unpredictability of teaching and the ways in which this activity is viscerally experienced. Chapter 2 focuses on clarifying the purpose of teaching. Chapters 3 through 5 discuss how teachers can discover ways in which students experience learning and how teachers can respond. Chapter 6 examines the lecture method and its appropriate use. Chapters 7 through 8 examine how teachers can make sure that the discussions they lead are fair, focused, and respectfully conducted. Chapter 9 looks at the use of simulations and role playing, and chapter 10 discusses effective student evaluation. The most common reasons for student resistance are reviewed in chapter 11 followed in the next chapter by a discussion of the importance of trust as the foundation for all significant teaching and learning. Chapter 13 looks at the effects of political factors on the practice of teaching, and chapter 14 summarizes by presenting 17 truths about skillful teaching. Contains 137 references. (GLR)

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